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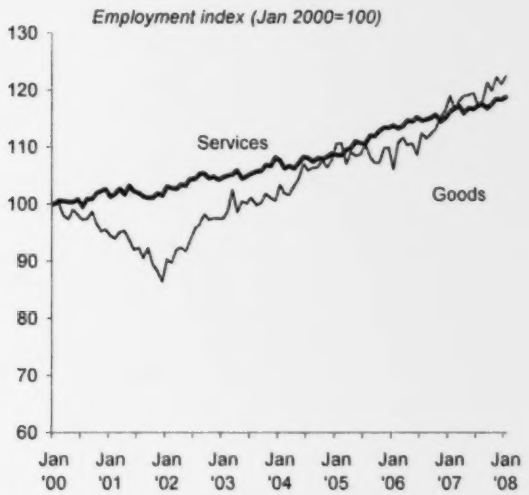
Labour Force Statistics ◆ January 2008

(All labour force statistics are seasonally adjusted, unless otherwise indicated)

Unemployment rate inches down to 4.1%

British Columbia's unemployment rate inched down to 4.1% in January; a decline of 0.1 percentage points from the previous month. This change in the jobless rate came about as growth in employment (+0.5%), in particular full-time positions (+0.9%), outpaced the increase in the number of people either working or looking for work (+0.4%) last month. British Columbia's unemployment rate remains among the lowest in the country as jobless rates in the western provinces continue to be well below the national average (5.8%).

Job growth especially strong in the goods sector



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Employment in BC's goods sector jumped ahead by 1.2% in January as manufacturing, the province's largest employer in the goods sector, expanded (+1.9%) for the first time since September of 2007. The forestry, mining & fishing industry, on the other hand, shed jobs (-5.5%), while the number of workers in construction remained relatively unchanged (-0.1%) from the previous month.

The province's services sector also recorded solid growth (+0.4%) as most industries in the sector saw an increase in employment. While the number of jobs in the trade industry declined (-2.7%) for the third consecutive month, employment increased in the professional, scientific & technical (+6.9%), education services (+4.6%) and health care & social assistance (+4.4%) industries. As the number of jobs in the public administration (-8.1%) and transportation & warehousing (-5.1%) industries fell sharply in January, employment in the finance, insurance & real estate (+2.3%) and management & administration (+2.3%) industries both saw strong.

Average hourly wage rates continue to rise.

With the coming of the New Year, wages have risen in British Columbia. Compared to January of 2007, the wage rate has increased 3.7%. Growth in the wage rate was particularly strong in the goods sector where the average hourly wage had risen 7.2%, while workers in the services sector saw their average wage improve by a more modest 2.8%.

The hourly wage-gap between the goods and services sectors narrowed to as little as $0.67 in 2005, but since then wages in the goods sector has grown more quickly than those in the services sector, widening the wage-gap between the two sectors.

Full-time employees saw their wages improve by 4.6% whereas those in part-time positions saw their wages remain relatively unchanged (+0.1%) compared to January 2007.

Wages in the province are among the highest in the country. Only Alberta ($23.42/hour) and Ontario ($21.98/hour) have higher average hourly wage rates than British Columbia.

The wage-rate gap between the goods and services sectors is widening

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Jobless rates higher in most regions

While Northeast[1] (2.4%, *3-month moving-average; unadjusted*) continued to experience the lowest unemployment rate in BC at 2.4%, the jobless rate rose 0.8 percentage points as the number of employed persons in the region shrank 1.9% in January. The highest unemployment rate among the regions was found in North Coast/Nechako at 8.4%, however, this was a decrease of 0.9 percentage points from the previous. In Kootenay, the number of people working or looking for work shrank by 2.9%, resulting in a decline in the unemployment rate to 4.8%.

Rising jobless rates in both Victoria (3.0%) and Nanaimo (5.7%) pushed unemployment in Vancouver Island/Coast (4.5%) higher than the provincial average. Likewise, in Thompson-Okanagan (4.8%) where an increase in the unemployment rates in Kamloops (7.0%), Kelowna (4.9%) and Vernon (3.1%) contributed to push the jobless rate higher in that region.

Despite a virtually unchanged level of unemployment in Prince George, Cariboo's unemployment rate inched higher by 0.2 percentage points to 5.2% in January.

While more positions (+0.6%) were filled in Mainland/Southwest, the size of the labour force also rose (+0.5%), leaving the region's unemployment rate unchanged at 3.6%, well below the provincial rate. In Vancouver, the unemployment rate held firm at 3.7% through last month, while Chilliwack's jobless rate fell a full percentage point to 3.5%.

The Nation

Nationally, widespread growth in employment across a number of industries in both the goods and services sectors pushed Canada's unemployment rate back down to 5.8%, matching the 33-year low reported in October 2007. Jobless rates fell in seven provinces while Alberta (72.1%), British Columbia (63.9%) and Newfoundland & Labrador (52.5%) all achieved record high employment rates in January.

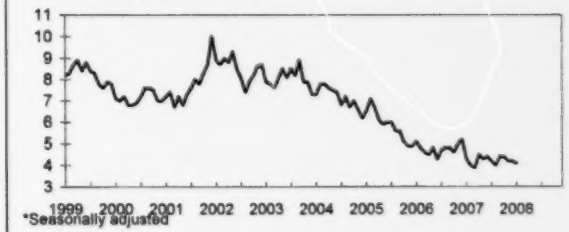
Selected Statistics	Jan-08	Dec-07	Jan-07
BC Unemployment Rate (%)	4.1	4.2	4.3
Canadian Unemployment Rate (%)	5.8	6.0	6.2
BC Employment ('000)	2,305	2,293	2,252
BC Labour Force Participation Rate (%)	66.6	66.4	66.4
Jan % change in employment relative to:	-	0.5	2.4
Jan % change in labour force relative to:	-	0.4	2.2

[1] Rates for Northeast, as well as some cities, are BC Stats estimates, calculated using data supplied by Statistic Canada.

1 Summary for January 2008--Actual and Seasonally Adjusted

	Current January 2008		Previous Month December 2007		One Year Ago January 2007		Change from December 2007		Change from January 2007	
	Actual	S.A.	Actual	S.A.	Actual	S.A.	Actual	S.A.	Actual	S.A.
British Columbia										
Working Age Population ('000)	3609.5		3602.7		3543.7		0.2%		1.9%	
Labour Force ('000)	2381.4	2402.9	2377.5	2393.5	2325.4	2352.1	0.2%	0.4%	2.4%	2.2%
Employment ('000)	2274.3	2305.2	2287.3	2292.9	2213.4	2251.8	-0.6%	0.5%	2.8%	2.4%
Unemployment ('000)	107.1	97.7	90.2	100.6	112.0	100.3	18.7%	-2.9%	-4.4%	-2.6%
Employment Rate[1]	63.0%	63.9%	63.5%	63.6%	62.5%	63.5%				
Unemployment Rate	4.5%	4.1%	3.8%	4.2%	4.8%	4.3%				
Participation Rate	66.0%	66.6%	66.0%	66.4%	65.6%	66.4%				
Canada										
Working Age Population ('000)	26,751.8		26,719.5		26,392.3		0.1%		1.4%	
Labour Force ('000)	17,834.0	18,109.5	17,929.1	18,090.2	17,547.2	17,821.8	-0.5%	0.1%	1.6%	1.6%
Employment ('000)	16,710.8	17,058.9	16,929.8	17,012.5	16,364.9	16,722.4	-1.3%	0.3%	2.1%	2.0%
Unemployment ('000)	1,123.2	1,050.6	999.3	1,077.6	1,182.3	1,099.4	12.4%	-2.5%	-5.0%	-4.4%
Employment Rate[1]	62.5%	63.8%	63.4%	63.7%	62.0%	63.4%				
Unemployment Rate	6.3%	5.8%	5.6%	6.0%	6.7%	6.2%				
Participation Rate	66.7%	67.7%	67.1%	67.7%	66.5%	67.5%				

BC Unemployment Rate:*



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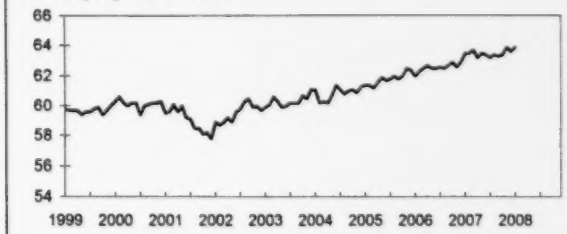

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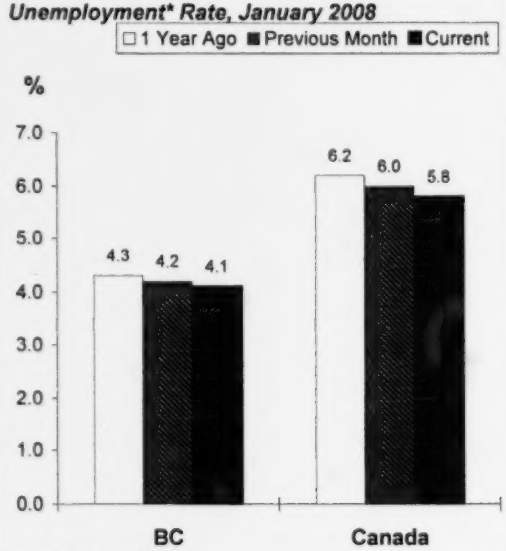

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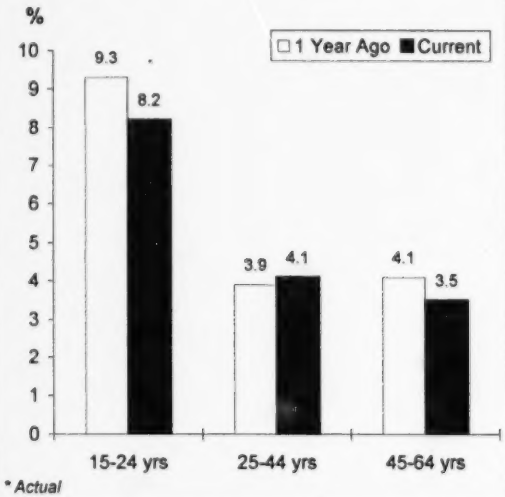
BC Unemployment Rates by Age, January 2008*



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[1] Employment rate is calculated as employment as a percent of the working age population.

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Source: Statistics Canada

2 BC Monthly Labour Force Data

	Actual								Seasonally Adjusted							
	Labour Force		Employed		Unemployed		Unemployment Rate	Participation Rate	Labour Force		Employed		Unemployed		Unemployment Rate	Participation Rate
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	(%)	(%)	('000)	% Chg*	('000)	% Chg*	('000)	% Chg*	(%)	(%)
1998	2,038.3		1,858.4		179.9		8.8	64.9								
1999	2,064.8	1.3	1,894.4	1.9	170.4	-5.3	8.3	65.1								
2000	2,079.9	0.7	1,931.3	1.9	148.6	-12.8	7.1	64.8								
2001	2,082.6	0.1	1,921.6	-0.5	161.1	8.4	7.7	64.0								
2002	2,147.6	3.1	1,965.0	2.3	182.6	13.3	8.5	65.1								
2003	2,190.7	2.0	2,014.7	2.5	176.0	-3.6	8.0	65.6								
2004	2,221.9	1.4	2,062.7	2.4	159.2	-9.5	7.2	65.5								
2005	2,263.4	1.9	2,130.5	3.3	132.9	-16.5	5.9	65.6								
2006	2,305.1	1.8	2,195.5	3.1	109.6	-17.5	4.8	65.7								
2007	2,366.4	2.7	2,266.3	3.2	100.0	-8.8	4.2	66.3								
2007 Jan	2,325.4	3.2	2,213.4	4.3	112.0	-13.8	4.8	65.6	2,352.1		2,251.8		100.3		4.3	66.4
Feb	2,324.3	2.8	2,221.2	3.7	103.1	-13.0	4.4	65.5	2,345.8	-0.3	2,251.1	0.0	94.7	-5.6	4.0	66.1
Mar	2,336.3	3.0	2,245.8	3.7	90.5	-12.1	3.9	65.8	2,355.1	0.4	2,262.7	0.5	92.4	-2.4	3.9	66.3
Apr	2,333.3	2.7	2,225.9	2.6	107.4	3.3	4.6	65.6	2,353.6	-0.1	2,247.1	-0.7	106.5	15.3	4.5	66.2
May	2,378.7	2.7	2,274.6	3.3	104.1	-8.0	4.4	66.8	2,362.8	0.4	2,261.7	0.6	101.1	-5.1	4.3	66.3
Jun	2,392.7	3.3	2,294.9	3.1	97.7	7.5	4.1	67.1	2,365.5	0.1	2,260.9	0.0	104.6	3.5	4.4	66.3
Jul	2,392.8	1.9	2,287.6	2.7	105.2	-11.8	4.4	67.0	2,356.9	-0.4	2,259.0	-0.1	97.9	-6.4	4.2	66.0
Aug	2,399.6	2.1	2,291.3	3.1	108.4	-14.8	4.5	67.1	2,361.4	0.2	2,267.1	0.4	94.3	-3.7	4.0	66.0
Sep	2,367.3	2.4	2,272.4	2.8	95.0	-5.8	4.0	66.0	2,373.8	0.5	2,270.0	0.1	103.7	10.0	4.4	66.2
Oct	2,378.0	2.3	2,283.9	2.5	94.1	-2.9	4.0	66.2	2,379.4	0.2	2,275.5	0.2	103.9	0.2	4.4	66.3
Nov	2,390.5	3.3	2,297.8	4.0	92.6	-12.5	3.9	66.4	2,399.2	0.8	2,298.8	1.0	100.4	-3.4	4.2	66.7
Dec	2,377.5	2.2	2,287.3	3.1	90.2	-14.9	3.8	66.0	2,393.5	-0.2	2,292.9	-0.3	100.6	0.2	4.2	66.4
2008 Jan	2,381.4	2.4	2,274.3	2.8	107.1	-4.4	4.5	66.0	2,402.9	0.4	2,305.2	0.5	97.7	-2.9	4.1	66.6
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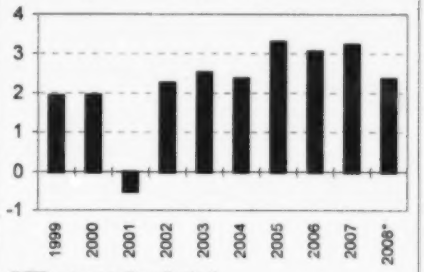
Jan-Jan08	2,381.4		2,274.3		107.1		4.5	66.0	2,402.9		2,305.2		97.7		4.1	66.6
% Change	2.4		2.8		-4.4				2.2		2.4		-2.6			

% Change in Employment, Annual Avg



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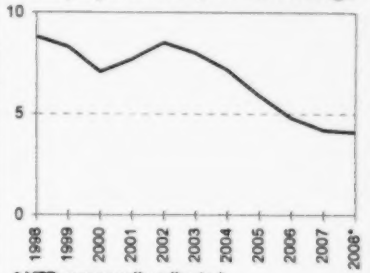
Unemployment Rate, Annual Average



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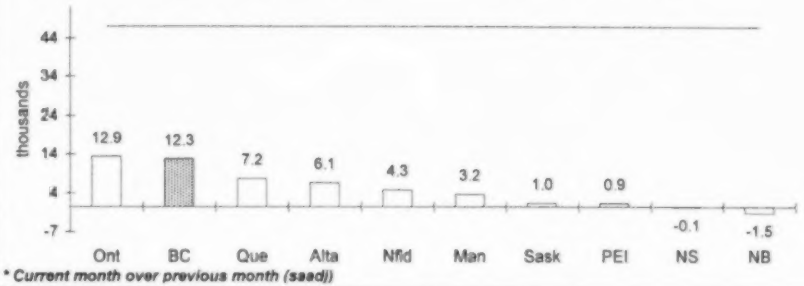
3a Employment ('000) by Province

	Actual										
	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
1998	1,858.4	1,509.9	470.5	534.2	5,453.3	3,257.5	315.2	395.3	59.6	192.4	14,046.2
1999	1,894.4	1,544.0	471.6	541.4	5,636.7	3,328.1	325.5	404.0	60.2	201.0	14,406.7
2000	1,931.3	1,584.0	473.5	552.3	5,817.1	3,402.8	331.2	411.4	62.7	198.0	14,764.2
2001	1,921.6	1,630.9	460.3	554.3	5,926.2	3,440.2	330.1	415.2	63.6	203.8	14,946.2
2002	1,965.0	1,670.8	468.3	567.2	6,031.4	3,569.9	343.1	422.9	64.7	207.2	15,310.4
2003	2,014.7	1,716.7	476.1	570.3	6,213.2	3,628.8	343.1	431.2	66.1	212.3	15,672.3
2004	2,062.7	1,757.5	479.7	576.6	6,316.5	3,680.5	350.1	442.2	66.9	214.3	15,947.0
2005	2,130.5	1,784.4	483.5	580.3	6,397.7	3,717.3	350.5	443.1	68.2	214.1	16,169.7
2006	2,195.5	1,870.7	491.6	587.0	6,492.7	3,765.4	355.4	441.8	68.6	215.7	16,484.3
2007	2,266.3	1,959.4	501.8	596.5	6,593.8	3,851.7	362.8	447.6	69.3	217.1	16,866.4

Employment Change('000), January 2008* — *Line represents Canada at 46.4*



** Current month over previous month (saadj)*

	Seasonally Adjusted										
	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
2007 Jan	2,251.8	1,932.4	503.7	590.6	6,548.6	3,804.3	357.2	448.1	70.2	215.5	16,722.4
Feb	2,251.1	1,937.2	502.4	591.1	6,559.2	3,802.5	359.7	449.7	69.9	218.5	16,741.2
Mar	2,262.7	1,939.3	503.4	593.8	6,569.0	3,829.6	359.7	446.7	69.9	217.6	16,791.8
Apr	2,247.1	1,950.2	501.9	593.2	6,554.8	3,840.4	362.7	449.5	70.0	218.6	16,788.2
May	2,261.7	1,944.4	500.6	595.8	6,568.8	3,840.5	360.8	445.9	69.0	218.3	16,805.9
Jun	2,260.9	1,957.2	497.9	597.2	6,575.8	3,864.1	365.6	445.9	69.1	215.6	16,849.4
Jul	2,259.0	1,967.7	497.7	594.7	6,588.2	3,860.6	362.2	443.6	68.8	214.7	16,857.0
Aug	2,267.1	1,968.0	496.7	596.6	6,594.3	3,860.3	363.3	442.8	69.0	217.0	16,875.2
Sep	2,270.0	1,973.8	503.1	599.0	6,621.9	3,865.4	363.7	446.3	69.2	217.0	16,929.5
Oct	2,275.5	1,976.9	503.1	601.8	6,655.6	3,877.8	364.1	450.9	70.1	216.7	16,992.5
Nov	2,298.8	1,971.8	506.6	604.7	6,639.3	3,890.3	369.0	449.7	68.2	216.9	17,015.4
Dec	2,292.9	1,993.8	504.7	599.1	6,630.9	3,884.3	366.6	452.3	69.2	218.8	17,012.5
2008 Jan	2,305.2	1,999.9	505.7	602.3	6,643.8	3,891.5	365.1	452.2	70.1	223.1	17,058.9
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Jan-Jan07	2,213.4	1,901.9	493.4	579.8	6,437.2	3,701.1	342.4	432.4	64.8	198.6	16,364.9
Jan-Jan08	2,274.3	1,970.6	496.0	591.7	6,533.8	3,785.9	350.1	436.8	65.2	206.5	16,710.8
% Change	2.8	3.6	0.5	2.1	1.5	2.3	2.2	1.0	0.6	4.0	2.1
	2.4	3.5	0.4	2.0	1.5	2.3	2.2	0.9	-0.1	3.5	2.0

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3b Employment Growth by Province (%)

Actual

	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
1998	-0.1	4.0	0.9	1.6	3.1	2.7	2.0	3.5	1.4	2.2	2.5
1999	1.9	2.3	0.2	1.3	3.4	2.2	3.3	2.2	1.0	4.5	2.6
2000	1.9	2.6	0.4	2.0	3.2	2.2	1.8	1.8	4.2	-1.5	2.5
2001	-0.5	3.0	-2.8	0.4	1.9	1.1	-0.3	0.9	1.4	2.9	1.2
2002	2.3	2.4	1.7	2.3	1.8	3.8	3.9	1.9	1.7	1.7	2.4
2003	2.5	2.7	1.7	0.5	3.0	1.6	0.0	2.0	2.2	2.5	2.4
2004	2.4	2.4	0.8	1.1	1.7	1.4	2.0	2.6	1.2	0.9	1.8
2005	3.3	1.5	0.8	0.6	1.3	1.0	0.1	0.2	1.9	-0.1	1.4
2006	3.1	4.8	1.7	1.2	1.5	1.3	1.4	-0.3	0.6	0.7	1.9
2007	3.2	4.7	2.1	1.6	1.6	2.3	2.1	1.3	1.0	0.6	2.3
2007 Jan	4.3	6.8	4.8	1.0	1.6	1.7	-0.1	1.7	2.9	2.4	2.6
Feb	3.7	5.7	4.4	0.9	1.9	1.4	0.7	2.3	1.9	1.6	2.5
Mar	3.7	5.3	4.3	2.0	1.6	2.1	0.5	1.0	3.5	2.6	2.5
Apr	2.6	5.8	3.0	0.6	1.1	3.0	1.3	1.4	1.5	2.5	2.3
May	3.3	3.4	2.6	1.3	0.8	1.9	0.6	0.6	-1.2	1.0	1.7
Jun	3.1	4.5	1.3	1.5	0.9	2.5	2.5	1.2	0.1	-0.1	2.0
Jul	2.7	5.4	0.8	1.7	1.2	2.3	1.9	1.0	0.1	-0.3	2.1
Aug	3.1	4.7	0.6	1.4	1.5	2.5	3.3	0.7	0.8	0.3	2.3
Sep	2.8	4.7	1.1	1.6	2.0	2.3	3.5	1.1	0.8	-0.4	2.4
Oct	2.5	3.7	0.6	2.4	2.7	2.4	2.8	2.0	3.3	-0.7	2.6
Nov	4.0	2.8	1.6	3.0	2.1	2.9	4.6	1.2	-1.0	-0.4	2.6
Dec	3.1	4.4	0.4	1.8	1.3	2.4	3.3	1.5	0.6	0.5	2.1
2008 Jan	2.8	3.6	0.5	2.1	1.5	2.3	2.2	1.0	0.6	4.0	2.1
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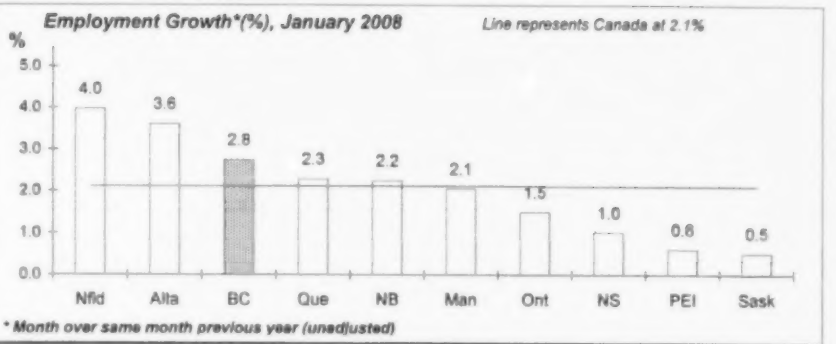


Month over same month previous year (unadjusted)

Seasonally Adjusted

	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
2007 Jan	1.3	1.2	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.6	0.6	2.2	-1.1	0.4
Feb	0.0	0.2	-0.3	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.7	0.4	-0.4	1.4	0.1
Mar	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.7	0.0	-0.7	0.0	-0.4	0.3
Apr	-0.7	0.6	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2	0.3	0.8	0.6	0.1	0.5	0.0
May	0.6	-0.3	-0.3	0.4	0.2	0.0	-0.5	-0.8	-1.4	-0.1	0.1
Jun	0.0	0.7	-0.5	0.2	0.1	0.6	1.3	0.0	0.1	-1.2	0.3
Jul	-0.1	0.5	0.0	-0.4	0.2	-0.1	-0.9	-0.5	-0.4	-0.4	0.0
Aug	0.4	0.0	-0.2	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.3	-0.2	0.3	1.1	0.1
Sep	0.1	0.3	1.3	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.8	0.3	0.0	0.3
Oct	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.1	1.0	1.3	-0.1	0.4
Nov	1.0	-0.3	0.7	0.5	-0.2	0.3	1.3	-0.3	-2.7	0.1	0.1
Dec	-0.3	1.1	-0.4	-0.9	-0.1	-0.2	-0.7	0.6	1.5	0.9	0.0
2008 Jan	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.2	-0.4	0.0	1.3	2.0	0.3

Note: growth rates for "actual" data are calculated as month over same month previous year. For seasonally adjusted data, growth rates are calculated as month over previous month.

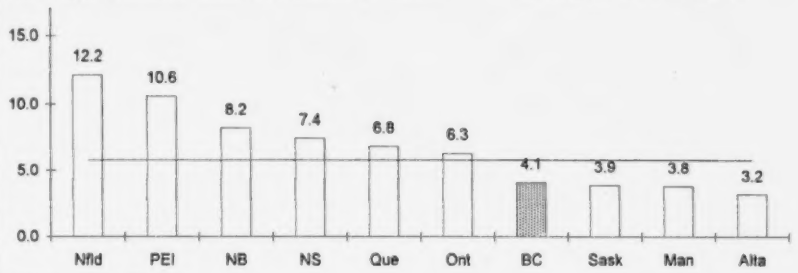
Produced by: **BC Stats**

Source: Statistics Canada

4a Provincial Unemployment Rates (%)

	Actual										
	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
1998	8.8	5.6	5.8	5.6	7.2	10.3	12.2	10.5	13.9	17.9	8.3
1999	8.3	5.7	6.1	5.6	6.3	9.3	10.2	9.6	14.3	16.9	7.6
2000	7.1	5.0	5.1	5.0	5.8	8.5	10.0	9.1	12.1	16.7	6.8
2001	7.7	4.6	5.8	5.1	6.3	8.8	11.1	9.7	11.9	16.1	7.2
2002	8.5	5.3	5.7	5.1	7.1	8.6	10.2	9.6	12.0	16.7	7.7
2003	8.0	5.1	5.6	5.0	6.9	9.1	10.3	9.1	11.0	16.5	7.6
2004	7.2	4.6	5.3	5.3	6.8	8.5	9.8	8.8	11.3	15.7	7.2
2005	5.9	3.9	5.1	4.8	6.6	8.3	9.7	8.4	10.8	15.2	6.8
2006	4.8	3.4	4.7	4.3	6.3	8.0	8.8	7.9	11.0	14.8	6.3
2007	4.2	3.5	4.2	4.4	6.4	7.2	7.5	8.0	10.3	13.6	6.0

Unemployment Rates(%), January 2008* — *Line represents Canada at 5.8%*



**Seasonally adjusted*

	Seasonally Adjusted										
	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
2007 Jan	4.8	3.7	4.6	5.1	6.6	8.8	8.8	8.9	13.9	18.1	6.7
Feb	4.4	3.6	4.2	4.6	6.4	8.6	7.5	8.5	12.9	15.8	6.5
Mar	3.9	3.4	4.2	4.5	7.0	8.2	8.3	9.1	12.8	16.1	6.5
Apr	4.6	3.5	4.3	5.2	6.6	7.6	8.8	8.9	13.0	15.5	6.3
May	4.4	3.8	4.3	4.8	6.5	6.9	8.2	8.1	8.8	13.7	6.1
Jun	4.1	3.4	3.9	3.9	6.3	6.1	5.8	7.4	7.1	11.5	5.6
Jul	4.4	3.4	4.8	4.3	7.3	6.4	7.1	8.5	9.0	11.0	6.2
Aug	4.5	3.9	5.5	4.9	7.0	7.0	7.9	8.4	7.9	12.8	6.4
Sep	4.0	3.3	3.4	3.9	5.9	6.4	7.2	7.3	7.9	11.4	5.5
Oct	4.0	3.2	3.7	3.5	5.5	6.3	6.9	6.7	7.4	12.2	5.3
Nov	3.9	3.7	3.7	3.9	5.7	7.0	6.6	7.8	11.8	12.8	5.6
Dec	3.8	3.1	3.8	4.1	5.8	7.0	7.8	6.8	11.9	12.5	5.6
2008 Jan	4.5	3.6	4.5	4.1	6.5	7.8	9.3	8.3	14.0	14.6	6.3
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Average:											
Jan-Jan07	4.8	3.7	4.6	5.1	6.6	8.8	8.8	8.9	13.9	18.1	6.7
Jan-Jan08	4.5	3.6	4.5	4.1	6.5	7.8	9.3	8.3	14.0	14.6	6.3

	Seasonally Adjusted										
	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
2007 Jan	4.3	3.3	4.1	4.6	6.5	7.6	7.9	7.9	10.5	15.2	6.2
Feb	4.0	3.5	4.0	4.3	6.3	7.8	6.9	7.5	10.3	14.1	6.1
Mar	3.9	3.6	3.9	4.3	6.6	7.5	7.5	8.0	10.4	14.1	6.1
Apr	4.5	3.4	4.1	4.8	6.6	7.2	7.5	8.2	9.7	13.2	6.2
May	4.3	3.8	4.5	5.2	6.3	7.1	7.8	8.0	10.2	12.8	6.0
Jun	4.4	3.7	4.4	4.5	6.6	6.9	6.9	8.1	10.5	13.1	6.1
Jul	4.2	3.4	4.8	4.2	6.6	7.0	7.4	8.7	10.5	13.6	6.0
Aug	4.0	3.6	4.8	4.2	6.4	7.2	7.8	8.9	10.4	13.7	6.0
Sep	4.4	3.6	3.9	4.2	6.2	6.9	8.3	7.9	10.6	13.5	5.9
Oct	4.4	3.4	4.3	4.1	6.1	7.0	7.7	7.6	8.8	13.6	5.8
Nov	4.2	3.6	4.0	4.2	6.4	7.0	7.2	7.9	11.4	13.2	5.9
Dec	4.2	3.2	4.0	4.2	6.5	7.0	7.8	7.8	10.7	12.5	6.0
2008 Jan	4.1	3.2	3.9	3.8	6.3	6.8	8.2	7.4	10.6	12.2	5.8
Feb											
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Average:											
Jan-Jan07	4.3	3.3	4.1	4.6	6.5	7.6	7.9	7.9	10.5	15.2	6.2
Jan-Jan08	4.1	3.2	3.9	3.8	6.3	6.8	8.2	7.4	10.6	12.2	5.8

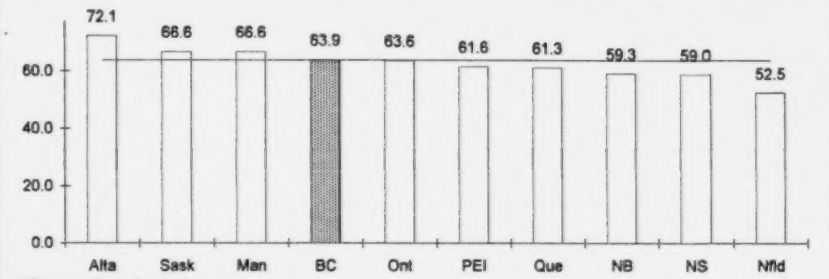
Produced by: **BC Stats**

Source: Statistics Canada

4b Provincial Employment Rates (%)

	Actual										
	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
1998	59.2	68.5	62.7	63.2	61.2	56.1	53.1	54.1	56.4	44.4	59.7
1999	59.7	68.5	62.8	63.7	62.3	56.9	54.6	55.0	56.6	46.6	60.6
2000	60.2	68.6	63.3	64.5	63.2	57.8	55.4	55.7	58.7	46.1	61.3
2001	59.0	69.0	61.8	64.4	63.0	57.9	55.0	55.9	59.0	47.7	61.1
2002	59.6	69.1	63.1	65.5	62.9	59.5	57.0	56.6	59.5	48.5	61.7
2003	60.3	69.8	64.0	65.3	63.8	60.0	56.7	57.3	60.2	49.5	62.4
2004	60.9	70.1	64.3	65.4	63.8	60.2	57.6	58.4	60.3	49.8	62.7
2005	61.8	69.8	64.6	65.3	63.5	60.1	57.4	58.2	61.1	49.8	62.7
2006	62.5	70.8	65.9	65.8	63.5	60.2	58.1	57.9	61.1	50.4	63.0
2007	63.5	71.5	66.8	66.4	63.6	61.0	59.2	58.6	61.2	51.2	63.5

Employment Rates(%), January 2008* — *Line represents Canada at 63.8%*



**Seasonally adjusted*

	Seasonally Adjusted										
	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
2007 Jan	62.5	70.4	66.1	64.8	62.5	58.9	56.0	56.6	57.4	46.6	62.0
Feb	62.6	70.7	65.9	65.1	62.7	59.1	56.3	56.8	57.4	47.7	62.2
Mar	63.2	70.7	66.1	65.4	62.6	59.6	56.4	56.7	58.0	47.8	62.4
Apr	62.6	70.8	66.0	65.5	62.8	60.1	57.1	57.9	58.3	48.9	62.6
May	63.9	71.9	67.9	67.3	64.1	61.2	60.0	59.5	63.5	52.4	64.0
Jun	64.3	72.8	68.0	67.7	64.6	62.6	62.5	60.1	65.7	54.5	64.8
Jul	64.0	72.8	67.7	67.1	64.5	63.0	62.0	59.9	64.9	55.9	64.8
Aug	64.0	72.4	67.1	67.0	64.5	62.3	61.7	59.7	66.2	54.6	64.6
Sep	63.4	71.5	66.9	66.6	63.6	61.6	60.2	58.6	63.2	53.0	63.7
Oct	63.6	71.3	66.8	67.0	64.2	61.5	59.5	59.3	62.9	51.9	64.0
Nov	63.9	70.9	66.9	66.9	63.9	61.3	59.6	58.6	58.7	50.8	63.7
Dec	63.5	71.6	65.8	66.0	63.6	60.7	58.6	58.9	58.3	50.2	63.4
2008 Jan	63.9	72.1	66.6	66.6	63.6	61.3	59.3	59.0	61.6	52.5	63.8
Feb											
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Dec											
Average:											
Jan-Jan07	62.5	70.4	66.1	64.8	62.5	58.9	56.0	56.6	57.4	46.6	62.0
Jan-Jan08	63.0	71.1	65.3	65.4	62.6	59.7	56.9	57.0	57.3	48.6	62.5

Produced by: **BC Stats**

Source: Statistics Canada

5a BC Employment and Unemployment by Age and Gender, Annual

	Men								Women								Total							
	Employed ('000)				Unemployed ('000)				Employed ('000)				Unemployed ('000)				Employed ('000)				Unemployed ('000)			
	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages
1998	132.1	525.8	316.7	994.0	31.5	50.8	24.2	107.4	126.6	460.5	266.9	864.4	23.1	35.2	13.9	72.5	258.8	986.3	583.6	1,858.4	54.6	86.0	38.2	179.9
1999	138.2	521.0	333.8	1,011.5	26.5	48.5	22.8	98.8	134.8	461.3	278.2	882.9	19.1	35.9	16.4	71.6	273.0	982.3	611.9	1,894.4	45.6	84.4	39.2	170.4
2000	141.0	522.6	350.4	1,031.3	25.7	37.1	20.6	83.8	138.2	458.2	295.8	900.0	18.5	31.2	15.0	64.8	279.2	980.8	646.2	1,931.3	44.2	68.3	35.6	148.6
2001	140.9	509.8	354.1	1,020.1	27.1	44.5	23.0	95.6	138.2	452.8	301.3	901.4	18.0	32.1	14.9	65.5	279.1	962.5	655.4	1,921.6	45.1	76.6	37.9	161.1
2002	147.8	503.2	365.8	1,037.7	30.2	45.8	26.9	104.1	145.8	452.5	318.1	927.3	22.0	37.4	18.4	78.5	293.6	955.8	683.9	1,965.0	52.2	83.2	45.3	182.6
2003	149.3	502.2	389.7	1,065.8	28.5	39.2	27.0	95.5	149.7	454.6	333.3	948.9	21.8	36.4	21.6	80.5	299.0	956.8	723.0	2,014.7	50.3	75.6	48.5	176.0
2004	153.8	508.2	403.8	1,091.2	25.9	34.4	24.1	85.4	154.0	463.7	342.6	971.5	21.9	30.5	20.8	73.7	307.8	971.9	746.4	2,062.7	47.8	64.9	44.8	159.2
2005	166.5	513.1	424.4	1,130.5	20.3	27.1	21.4	69.8	165.7	457.3	360.8	1,000.0	17.1	26.0	19.5	63.1	332.1	970.4	785.3	2,130.5	37.4	53.1	40.9	132.9
2006	172.7	520.1	439.8	1,160.9	17.5	21.2	16.0	56.2	176.9	465.8	376.8	1,034.5	13.9	22.3	16.1	53.4	349.6	985.9	816.6	2,195.5	31.4	43.5	32.0	109.6
2007	188.2	530.3	462.6	1,210.9	15.3	19.5	14.8	50.6	174.4	467.6	395.5	1,055.4	14.4	19.3	15.4	49.4	362.6	997.9	858.2	2,266.3	29.7	38.8	30.2	100.0
2007 Jan	170.9	520.2	453.8	1,176.5	18.2	21.3	13.8	54.7	162.1	469.5	387.0	1,036.9	16.0	18.5	21.7	57.3	333.0	989.7	840.8	2,213.4	34.1	39.8	35.6	112.0
Feb	173.8	522.4	454.7	1,182.4	16.1	20.0	15.6	54.3	167.1	467.8	383.9	1,038.8	12.9	17.6	18.3	48.8	341.0	990.2	838.6	2,221.2	29.0	37.6	33.9	103.1
Mar	175.3	524.3	457.8	1,184.6	13.4	17.4	16.3	49.2	169.6	478.4	395.0	1,061.2	11.7	16.3	13.4	41.4	344.9	1,002.7	852.8	2,245.8	25.1	33.7	29.8	90.5
Apr	176.4	527.4	455.1	1,183.1	14.3	20.3	19.4	55.7	158.1	470.9	396.5	1,042.8	14.5	19.5	17.2	51.7	334.5	998.2	851.6	2,225.9	28.7	39.8	36.6	107.4
May	189.6	530.2	466.3	1,212.6	15.6	16.7	14.4	47.5	177.9	475.0	394.0	1,061.9	16.1	23.4	16.6	56.6	367.5	1,005.3	860.2	2,274.6	31.7	40.1	31.1	104.1
Jun	198.4	539.2	465.9	1,227.0	17.5	19.9	15.4	53.1	182.2	467.2	399.5	1,068.0	14.8	17.5	11.9	44.7	380.6	1,006.5	865.5	2,294.9	32.3	37.4	27.3	97.7
Jul	213.4	534.7	459.3	1,234.6	20.0	21.9	13.6	55.7	186.8	459.2	388.2	1,053.0	17.7	14.7	17.0	49.5	400.2	993.9	847.5	2,287.6	37.7	36.6	30.6	105.2
Aug	211.7	531.2	463.0	1,236.3	13.8	19.0	12.9	45.8	193.1	448.5	395.8	1,054.9	13.1	30.8	18.7	62.6	404.8	979.8	858.8	2,291.3	26.8	49.9	31.6	108.4
Sep	188.3	535.6	469.7	1,223.9	13.8	15.3	11.3	40.5	169.8	455.0	406.7	1,048.4	17.3	25.7	10.9	54.5	358.1	990.6	876.4	2,272.4	31.1	41.0	22.2	95.0
Oct	186.9	532.8	469.9	1,224.7	14.7	19.2	14.7	50.2	171.6	465.8	404.4	1,059.2	11.6	19.1	12.6	43.8	358.5	998.6	874.3	2,283.9	26.3	38.3	27.3	94.1
Nov	188.1	534.1	468.5	1,226.1	11.4	19.8	14.9	46.7	178.2	474.7	399.8	1,071.8	16.0	15.4	14.1	45.9	366.2	1,008.8	868.3	2,297.8	27.4	35.2	29.0	92.6
Dec	185.7	531.2	467.7	1,219.0	14.3	23.1	15.5	53.9	176.9	479.7	395.4	1,068.3	11.5	12.5	12.0	36.4	362.6	1,010.9	863.1	2,287.3	25.8	35.6	27.5	90.2
2008 Jan	176.8	526.5	471.6	1,209.8	18.6	24.5	15.8	59.9	171.9	478.4	397.8	1,064.5	12.7	18.8	15.3	47.2	348.7	1,004.9	869.3	2,274.3	31.3	43.3	31.2	107.1
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Jan-Jan07	170.9	520.2	453.8	1,176.5	18.2	21.3	13.8	54.7	162.1	469.5	387.0	1,036.9	16.0	18.5	21.7	57.3	333.0	989.7	840.8	2,213.4	34.1	39.8	35.6	112.0
Jan-Jan08	176.8	526.5	471.6	1,209.8	18.6	24.5	15.8	59.9	171.9	478.4	397.8	1,064.5	12.7	18.8	15.3	47.2	348.7	1,004.9	869.3	2,274.3	31.3	43.3	31.2	107.1
% Change	3.5	1.2	3.9	2.8	2.2	15.0	14.5	9.5	6.0	1.9	2.8	2.7	-20.6	1.6	-29.5	-17.6	4.7	1.5	3.4	2.8	-8.2	8.8	-12.4	-4.4

NOTE: due to relatively small sample sizes from which disaggregated data are derived, caution should be used in the interpretation of month-to-month changes in the estimates.

Produced by: **BC Stats**

Source: Statistics Canada

5b BC Participation Rates and Unemployment Rates by Age and Gender, Actual

	Men								Women								Total							
	Participation Rate (%)				Unemployment Rate (%)				Participation Rate (%)				Unemployment Rate (%)				Participation Rate (%)				Unemployment Rate (%)			
	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages
1998	62.3	91.5	76.9	71.1	19.3	8.8	7.1	9.8	59.5	78.1	63.5	58.9	15.4	7.1	5.0	7.7	60.9	84.8	70.2	64.9	17.4	8.0	6.1	8.8
1999	62.0	91.4	77.8	71.0	16.1	8.5	6.4	8.9	60.5	78.9	64.2	59.3	12.4	7.2	5.6	7.5	61.3	85.1	71.0	65.1	14.3	7.9	6.0	8.3
2000	61.9	90.8	78.3	70.5	15.4	6.6	5.6	7.5	60.9	78.2	65.3	59.3	11.8	6.4	4.8	6.7	61.4	84.4	71.8	64.8	13.7	6.5	5.2	7.1
2001	61.2	90.6	77.1	69.5	16.1	8.0	6.1	8.6	59.7	77.9	64.0	58.6	11.5	6.6	4.7	6.8	60.5	84.2	70.5	64.0	13.9	7.4	5.5	7.7
2002	63.8	90.6	77.6	70.3	17.0	8.3	6.9	9.1	62.9	79.4	65.6	60.1	13.1	7.6	5.5	7.8	63.4	84.9	71.5	65.1	15.1	8.0	6.2	8.5
2003	63.0	90.4	79.6	70.7	16.0	7.2	6.5	8.2	63.2	80.5	66.7	60.7	12.7	7.4	6.1	7.8	63.1	85.4	73.1	65.6	14.4	7.3	6.3	8.0
2004	62.8	91.2	79.1	70.6	14.4	6.3	5.6	7.3	63.9	81.5	65.9	60.7	12.5	6.2	5.7	7.1	63.3	86.3	72.4	65.5	13.4	6.3	5.7	7.2
2005	64.2	90.9	79.9	70.8	10.9	5.0	4.8	5.8	65.5	79.7	66.6	60.7	9.4	5.4	5.1	5.9	64.8	85.3	73.2	65.6	10.1	5.2	5.0	5.9
2006	64.6	90.6	79.1	70.4	9.2	3.9	3.5	4.6	67.7	80.2	66.6	61.0	7.3	4.6	4.1	4.9	66.1	85.4	72.8	65.7	8.2	4.2	3.8	4.8
2007	68.9	91.5	80.4	71.7	7.5	3.5	3.1	4.0	66.7	79.7	67.6	61.0	7.6	4.0	3.7	4.5	67.8	85.5	73.9	66.3	7.6	3.7	3.4	4.2
2007 Jan	64.1	90.4	79.8	70.6	9.6	3.9	3.0	4.4	63.0	80.1	68.2	60.8	9.0	3.8	5.3	5.2	63.6	85.2	73.9	65.6	9.3	3.9	4.1	4.8
Feb	64.4	90.5	80.1	70.8	8.5	3.7	3.3	4.4	63.7	79.6	66.9	60.4	7.2	3.6	4.5	4.5	64.0	85.0	73.4	65.5	7.8	3.7	3.9	4.4
Mar	64.0	90.3	80.6	70.5	7.1	3.2	3.4	4.0	64.1	81.1	67.8	61.2	6.5	3.3	3.3	3.8	64.0	85.7	74.1	65.8	6.8	3.3	3.4	3.9
Apr	64.6	91.3	80.4	70.7	7.5	3.7	4.1	4.5	61.0	80.4	68.5	60.6	8.4	4.0	4.2	4.7	62.8	85.8	74.4	65.6	7.9	3.8	4.1	4.6
May	69.6	91.1	81.3	71.9	7.6	3.1	3.0	3.8	68.5	81.7	67.8	61.9	8.3	4.7	4.0	5.1	69.1	86.4	74.4	66.8	7.9	3.8	3.5	4.4
Jun	73.2	93.1	81.2	72.9	8.1	3.6	3.2	4.1	69.6	79.4	67.8	61.5	7.5	3.6	2.9	4.0	71.4	86.2	74.4	67.1	7.8	3.6	3.1	4.1
Jul	79.1	92.6	79.5	73.3	8.6	3.9	2.9	4.3	72.2	77.6	66.6	60.8	8.7	3.1	4.2	4.5	75.7	85.1	73.0	67.0	8.6	3.6	3.5	4.4
Aug	76.4	91.5	79.8	72.8	6.1	3.5	2.7	3.6	72.8	78.5	67.9	61.5	6.4	6.4	4.5	5.6	74.6	84.9	73.8	67.1	6.2	4.8	3.5	4.5
Sep	68.4	91.5	80.4	71.6	6.8	2.8	2.3	3.2	65.9	78.6	68.2	60.6	9.2	5.3	2.6	4.9	67.2	85.0	74.3	66.0	8.0	4.0	2.5	4.0
Oct	68.1	91.6	80.8	72.1	7.3	3.5	3.0	3.9	64.5	79.2	68.0	60.5	6.3	3.9	3.0	4.0	66.3	85.4	74.3	66.2	6.8	3.7	3.0	4.0
Nov	67.4	91.8	80.4	71.8	5.7	3.6	3.1	3.7	68.2	80.0	67.3	61.2	8.2	3.1	3.4	4.1	67.8	85.9	73.8	66.4	7.0	3.4	3.2	3.9
Dec	67.5	91.8	80.2	71.7	7.2	4.2	3.2	4.2	66.2	80.3	66.1	60.4	6.1	2.5	2.9	3.3	66.9	86.0	73.1	66.0	6.6	3.4	3.1	3.8
2008 Jan	65.9	91.3	80.6	71.4	9.5	4.4	3.2	4.7	64.8	81.1	66.8	60.7	6.9	3.8	3.7	4.2	65.4	86.1	73.6	66.0	8.2	4.1	3.5	4.5
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Jan-Jan07	64.1	90.4	79.8	70.6	9.6	3.9	3.0	4.4	63.0	80.1	68.2	60.8	9.0	3.8	5.3	5.2	63.6	85.2	73.9	65.6	9.3	3.9	4.1	4.8
Jan-Jan08	65.9	91.3	80.6	71.4	9.5	4.4	3.2	4.7	64.8	81.1	66.8	60.7	6.9	3.8	3.7	4.2	65.4	86.1	73.6	66.0	8.2	4.1	3.5	4.5

NOTE: due to relatively small sample sizes from which disaggregated data are derived, caution should be used in the interpretation of month-to-month changes in the estimates.

Produced by: BC Stats

Source: Statistics Canada

5c BC Employment and Unemployment by Age and Gender, Seasonally Adjusted

	Men						Women						Total					
	Employed ('000)			Unemployed ('000)			Employed ('000)			Unemployed ('000)			Employed ('000)			Unemployed ('000)		
	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages
1998	132.1	861.9	994.0	31.5	76.0	107.4	126.6	737.8	864.4	23.1	49.4	72.5	258.8	1,599.6	1,858.4	54.6	125.3	179.9
1999	138.2	873.3	1,011.5	26.5	72.3	98.8	134.8	748.1	882.9	19.1	52.5	71.6	273.0	1,621.4	1,894.4	45.6	124.9	170.4
2000	141.0	890.3	1,031.3	25.7	58.1	83.8	138.2	761.7	900.0	18.5	46.3	64.8	279.2	1,652.1	1,931.3	44.2	104.4	148.6
2001	140.9	879.2	1,020.1	27.1	68.5	95.6	138.2	763.3	901.4	18.0	47.5	65.5	279.1	1,642.5	1,921.6	45.1	116.0	161.1
2002	147.8	889.9	1,037.7	30.2	74.0	104.1	145.8	781.5	927.3	22.0	56.5	78.5	293.6	1,671.4	1,965.0	52.2	130.4	182.6
2003	149.3	916.5	1,065.8	28.5	67.1	95.5	149.7	799.2	948.9	21.8	58.7	80.5	299.0	1,715.7	2,014.7	50.3	125.7	176.0
2004	153.8	937.4	1,091.2	25.9	59.5	85.4	154.0	817.5	971.5	21.9	51.8	73.7	307.8	1,754.9	2,062.7	47.8	111.3	159.2
2005	166.5	964.0	1,130.5	20.3	49.5	69.8	165.7	834.4	1,000.0	17.1	46.0	63.1	332.1	1,798.4	2,130.5	37.4	95.5	132.9
2006	172.7	988.2	1,160.9	17.5	38.8	56.2	176.9	857.6	1,034.5	13.9	39.5	53.4	349.6	1,845.8	2,195.5	31.4	78.2	109.6
2007	188.2	1,022.7	1,210.9	15.3	35.4	50.6	174.4	881.0	1,055.4	14.4	35.0	49.4	362.6	1,903.7	2,266.3	29.7	70.4	100.0
2007 Jan	183.0	1,021.7	1,204.7	16.8	30.1	46.9	170.0	877.0	1,047.1	16.2	37.3	53.5	353.1	1,898.7	2,251.8	33.0	67.4	100.3
Feb	183.4	1,018.4	1,201.8	15.5	30.9	46.4	172.4	876.8	1,049.3	14.2	34.1	48.3	355.9	1,895.2	2,251.1	29.7	65.0	94.7
Mar	184.7	1,015.4	1,200.1	14.3	33.6	47.9	174.8	887.8	1,062.6	14.1	30.5	44.6	359.4	1,903.2	2,262.7	28.4	64.1	92.4
Apr	183.7	1,016.3	1,200.0	15.3	40.1	55.4	167.3	879.8	1,047.1	13.7	37.4	51.1	351.0	1,896.1	2,247.1	29.0	77.5	106.5
May	187.7	1,018.4	1,206.1	13.9	33.7	47.5	175.4	880.2	1,055.6	12.7	40.8	53.5	363.1	1,898.6	2,261.7	26.5	74.5	101.1
Jun	189.8	1,017.5	1,207.3	17.2	39.1	56.3	174.1	879.4	1,053.6	14.1	34.1	48.3	363.9	1,896.9	2,260.9	31.3	73.3	104.6
Jul	191.7	1,017.0	1,208.7	14.5	39.2	53.6	173.6	876.7	1,050.3	12.2	32.0	44.3	365.3	1,893.7	2,259.0	26.7	71.2	97.9
Aug	191.0	1,019.9	1,210.9	13.6	32.6	46.2	179.6	876.6	1,056.2	11.4	36.7	48.1	370.5	1,896.6	2,267.1	25.0	69.3	94.3
Sep	192.8	1,025.2	1,218.0	15.1	33.8	48.9	174.7	877.4	1,052.1	17.4	37.4	54.9	367.4	1,902.6	2,270.0	32.5	71.2	103.7
Oct	189.1	1,031.3	1,220.4	16.2	39.3	55.5	174.2	880.9	1,055.2	13.4	35.0	48.4	363.3	1,912.2	2,275.5	29.6	74.3	103.9
Nov	191.3	1,036.2	1,227.4	13.8	36.4	50.2	179.1	892.3	1,071.4	18.7	31.5	50.2	370.3	1,928.5	2,298.8	32.5	67.8	100.4
Dec	189.4	1,038.8	1,228.1	16.4	38.4	54.7	177.1	887.6	1,064.8	15.1	30.8	45.8	366.5	1,926.4	2,292.9	31.4	69.2	100.6
2008 Jan	189.6	1,042.9	1,232.5	16.9	36.3	53.2	180.1	892.6	1,072.7	13.2	31.3	44.5	369.7	1,935.5	2,305.2	30.0	67.6	97.7
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Jan-Jan07	183.0	1,021.7	1,204.7	16.8	30.1	46.9	170.0	877.0	1,047.1	16.2	37.3	53.5	353.1	1,898.7	2,251.8	33.0	67.4	100.3
Jan-Jan08	189.6	1,042.9	1,232.5	16.9	36.3	53.2	180.1	892.6	1,072.7	13.2	31.3	44.5	369.7	1,935.5	2,305.2	30.0	67.6	97.7
% Change	3.6	2.1	2.3	0.6	20.6	13.4	5.9	1.8	2.4	-18.5	-16.1	-16.8	4.7	1.9	2.4	-9.1	0.3	-2.6

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Source: Statistics Canada

5d BC Participation, Unemployment and Employment Rates by Age and Gender, Seasonally Adjusted

	Men									Women									Total								
	Part Rate (%)			Unempl Rate (%)			Empl Rate (%)			Part Rate (%)			Unempl Rate (%)			Empl Rate (%)			Part Rate (%)			Unempl Rate (%)			Empl Rate (%)		
	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages
1998	62.3	72.9	71.1	19.3	8.1	9.8	50.3	67.0	64.2	59.5	58.8	58.9	15.4	6.3	7.7	50.3	55.1	54.4	60.9	65.7	64.9	17.4	7.3	8.8	50.3	60.9	59.2
1999	62.0	72.8	71.0	16.1	7.6	8.9	52.0	67.2	64.6	60.5	59.1	59.3	12.4	6.6	7.5	53.0	55.2	54.9	61.3	65.8	65.1	14.3	7.2	8.3	52.5	61.1	59.7
2000	61.9	72.2	70.5	15.4	6.1	7.5	52.3	67.8	65.2	60.9	58.9	59.3	11.8	5.7	6.7	53.7	55.6	55.3	61.4	65.4	64.8	13.7	5.9	7.1	53.0	61.6	60.2
2001	61.2	71.3	69.5	16.1	7.2	8.6	51.3	66.1	63.6	59.7	58.3	58.6	11.5	5.9	6.8	52.8	54.9	54.6	60.5	64.7	64.0	13.9	6.6	7.7	52.1	60.4	59.0
2002	63.8	71.6	70.3	17.0	7.7	9.1	53.0	66.1	63.9	62.9	59.5	60.1	13.1	6.7	7.8	54.7	55.5	55.4	63.4	65.4	65.1	15.1	7.2	8.5	53.8	60.7	59.6
2003	63.0	72.2	70.7	16.0	6.8	8.2	52.9	67.3	64.8	63.2	60.2	60.7	12.7	6.8	7.8	55.2	56.1	55.9	63.1	66.1	65.6	14.4	6.8	8.0	54.0	61.6	60.3
2004	62.8	72.2	70.6	14.4	6.0	7.3	53.7	67.9	65.5	63.9	60.0	60.7	12.5	6.0	7.1	56.0	56.5	56.4	63.3	66.0	65.5	13.4	6.0	7.2	54.8	62.0	60.9
2005	64.2	72.1	70.8	10.9	4.9	5.8	57.2	68.6	66.7	65.5	59.8	60.7	9.4	5.2	5.9	59.4	56.6	57.1	64.8	65.8	65.6	10.1	5.0	5.9	58.2	62.5	61.8
2006	64.6	71.6	70.4	9.2	3.8	4.6	58.7	68.9	67.2	67.7	59.8	61.0	7.3	4.4	4.9	62.8	57.1	58.0	66.1	65.6	65.7	8.2	4.1	4.8	60.7	62.9	62.5
2007	68.9	72.3	71.7	7.5	3.3	4.0	63.7	69.9	68.9	66.7	59.9	61.0	7.6	3.8	4.5	61.5	57.6	58.2	67.8	66.0	66.3	7.6	3.6	4.2	62.6	63.6	63.5
2007 Jan	67.8	72.5	71.7	8.4	2.9	3.7	62.1	70.5	69.0	65.9	60.3	61.2	8.7	4.1	4.9	60.1	57.8	58.2	66.8	66.3	66.4	8.5	3.4	4.3	61.1	64.0	63.5
Feb	67.4	72.3	71.5	7.8	2.9	3.7	62.2	70.2	68.8	66.0	60.0	61.0	7.6	3.7	4.4	61.0	57.8	58.3	66.7	66.0	66.1	7.7	3.3	4.0	61.6	63.8	63.5
Mar	67.4	72.2	71.4	7.2	3.2	3.8	62.6	69.8	68.6	66.8	60.4	61.4	7.5	3.3	4.0	61.8	58.4	58.9	67.1	66.2	66.3	7.3	3.3	3.9	62.2	64.0	63.7
Apr	67.4	72.5	71.7	7.7	3.8	4.4	62.3	69.8	68.5	64.0	60.2	60.8	7.6	4.1	4.7	59.1	57.8	58.0	65.8	66.2	66.2	7.6	3.9	4.5	60.7	63.6	63.2
May	68.3	72.1	71.5	6.9	3.2	3.8	63.6	69.8	68.8	66.5	60.4	61.4	6.8	4.4	4.8	62.0	57.7	58.4	67.4	66.1	66.3	6.8	3.8	4.3	62.8	63.6	63.5
Jun	70.1	72.3	71.9	8.3	3.7	4.5	64.3	69.6	68.7	66.5	59.8	60.9	7.5	3.7	4.4	61.5	57.6	58.2	68.4	65.9	66.3	7.9	3.7	4.4	62.9	63.5	63.4
Jul	69.9	72.1	71.7	7.0	3.7	4.2	64.9	69.5	68.7	65.6	59.4	60.4	6.6	3.5	4.0	61.3	57.3	57.9	67.8	65.6	66.0	6.8	3.6	4.2	63.2	63.2	63.2
Aug	69.3	71.7	71.3	6.6	3.1	3.7	64.7	69.5	68.7	67.4	59.6	60.8	6.0	4.0	4.4	63.4	57.2	58.2	68.3	65.5	66.0	6.3	3.5	4.0	64.0	63.2	63.4
Sep	70.3	72.0	71.8	7.3	3.2	3.9	65.2	69.7	69.0	67.7	59.6	60.8	9.1	4.1	5.0	61.6	57.1	57.8	69.0	65.7	66.2	8.1	3.6	4.4	63.4	63.3	63.3
Oct	69.4	72.7	72.1	7.9	3.7	4.3	63.9	70.0	69.0	66.0	59.5	60.6	7.1	3.8	4.4	61.3	57.3	57.9	67.7	66.0	66.3	7.5	3.7	4.4	62.6	63.5	63.4
Nov	69.2	72.7	72.1	6.7	3.4	3.9	64.6	70.2	69.3	69.5	59.9	61.4	9.5	3.4	4.5	63.0	57.9	58.7	69.4	66.2	66.7	8.1	3.4	4.2	63.8	63.9	63.9
Dec	69.4	72.9	72.3	8.0	3.6	4.3	63.9	70.3	69.2	67.5	59.5	60.7	7.9	3.4	4.1	62.2	57.5	58.2	68.5	66.0	66.4	7.9	3.5	4.2	63.1	63.8	63.6
2008 Jan	69.6	72.9	72.3	8.2	3.4	4.1	63.9	70.4	69.3	67.8	59.7	61.0	6.8	3.4	4.0	63.2	57.7	58.6	68.7	66.2	66.6	7.5	3.4	4.1	63.6	63.9	63.9
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Jan-Jan08	69.6	72.9	72.3	8.2	3.4	4.1	63.9	70.4	69.3	67.8	59.7	61.0	6.8	3.4	4.0	63.2	57.7	58.6	68.7	66.2	66.6	7.5	3.4	4.1	63.6	63.9	63.9

NOTE: due to relatively small sample sizes from which disaggregated data are derived, caution should be used in the interpretation of month-to-month changes in the estimates.

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Source: Statistics Canada

BC Employment by Full-Time/Part-Time Status

	Men				Women				Total			
	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total	Part-time as % of Total	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total	Part-time as % of Total	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total	Part-time as % of Total
1998	870.1	123.9	994.0	12.5	590.2	274.2	864.4	31.7	1,460.3	398.0	1,858.4	21.4
1999	882.5	129.0	1,011.5	12.8	606.1	276.8	882.9	31.4	1,488.6	405.8	1,894.4	21.4
2000	914.1	117.2	1,031.3	11.4	619.2	280.8	900.0	31.2	1,533.3	398.0	1,931.3	20.6
2001	896.7	123.4	1,020.1	12.1	620.9	280.5	901.4	31.1	1,517.6	404.0	1,921.6	21.0
2002	891.8	145.9	1,037.7	14.1	624.6	302.8	927.3	32.7	1,516.4	448.7	1,965.0	22.8
2003	929.7	136.1	1,065.8	12.8	635.2	313.6	948.9	33.0	1,564.9	449.7	2,014.7	22.3
2004	960.1	131.0	1,091.2	12.0	670.7	300.9	971.5	31.0	1,630.8	431.9	2,062.7	20.9
2005	1,000.8	129.7	1,130.5	11.5	693.0	307.0	1,000.0	30.7	1,693.9	436.7	2,130.5	20.5
2006	1,022.3	138.6	1,160.9	11.9	727.8	306.7	1,034.5	29.6	1,750.2	445.3	2,195.5	20.3
2007	1,067.8	143.1	1,210.9	11.8	740.9	314.6	1,055.4	29.8	1,808.7	457.7	2,266.3	20.2
	seasonally adjusted											
2007 Jan	1,048.7	156.0	1,204.7	12.9	746.4	300.7	1,047.1	28.7	1,795.2	456.6	2,251.8	20.3
Feb	1,049.4	152.4	1,201.8	12.7	744.7	304.6	1,049.3	29.0	1,794.0	457.0	2,251.1	20.3
Mar	1,056.7	143.4	1,200.1	11.9	734.7	328.0	1,062.6	30.9	1,791.4	471.3	2,262.7	20.8
Apr	1,054.6	145.4	1,200.0	12.1	740.1	307.0	1,047.1	29.3	1,794.6	452.5	2,247.1	20.1
May	1,065.6	140.5	1,206.1	11.6	747.2	308.4	1,055.6	29.2	1,812.7	449.0	2,261.7	19.9
Jun	1,058.1	149.3	1,207.3	12.4	725.0	328.6	1,053.6	31.2	1,783.0	477.9	2,260.9	21.1
Jul	1,075.2	133.5	1,208.7	11.0	736.8	313.5	1,050.3	29.8	1,812.0	447.0	2,259.0	19.8
Aug	1,076.4	134.5	1,210.9	11.1	740.0	316.2	1,056.2	29.9	1,816.4	450.7	2,267.1	19.9
Sep	1,081.5	136.5	1,218.0	11.2	740.5	311.6	1,052.1	29.6	1,821.9	448.1	2,270.0	19.7
Oct	1,079.0	141.4	1,220.4	11.6	740.2	315.0	1,055.2	29.9	1,819.2	456.4	2,275.5	20.1
Nov	1,089.4	138.0	1,227.4	11.2	758.2	313.2	1,071.4	29.2	1,847.6	451.2	2,298.8	19.6
Dec	1,080.8	147.3	1,228.1	12.0	735.7	329.1	1,064.8	30.9	1,816.5	476.5	2,292.9	20.8
2008 Jan	1,087.2	145.3	1,232.5	11.8	745.9	326.7	1,072.7	30.5	1,833.1	472.1	2,305.2	20.5
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Average:												
Jan-Jan07	1,048.7	156.0	1,204.7	12.9	746.4	300.7	1,047.1	28.7	1,795.2	456.6	2,251.8	20.3
Jan-Jan08	1,087.2	145.3	1,232.5	11.8	745.9	326.7	1,072.7	30.5	1,833.1	472.1	2,305.2	20.5
% Change	3.7	-6.9	2.3		-0.1	8.6	2.4		2.1	3.4	2.4	

Produced by: BC Stats

Source: Statistics Canada

7a BC Employment by Industry

	All Industries		Total Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Other Primary		Utilities		Manufac-turing		Construc-tion	
	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg
1998	1,858.4		408.5		33.0		51.3		11.1		195.9		117.2	
1999	1,894.4	1.9	393.8	-3.6	28.1	-14.8	48.5	-5.5	11.1	0.0	191.8	-2.1	114.3	-2.5
2000	1,931.3	1.9	406.3	3.2	29.7	5.7	52.7	8.7	10.3	-7.2	202.5	5.6	111.1	-2.8
2001	1,921.6	-0.5	382.3	-5.9	25.5	-14.1	40.7	-22.8	10.5	1.9	194.9	-3.8	110.7	-0.4
2002	1,965.0	2.3	392.2	2.6	29.0	13.7	37.6	-7.6	11	4.8	196.6	0.9	118.1	6.7
2003	2,014.7	2.5	416.4	6.2	32.9	13.4	45.5	21.0	11.3	2.7	206.8	5.2	119.8	1.4
2004	2,062.7	2.4	436.9	4.9	36.9	12.2	35.6	-21.8	9.2	-18.6	211.2	2.1	144.0	20.2
2005	2,130.5	3.3	452.7	3.6	38.7	4.9	37.5	5.3	10.3	12.0	198.2	-6.2	168.0	16.7
2006	2,195.5	3.1	463.9	2.5	34.7	-10.3	43.8	16.8	8.6	-16.5	197.5	-0.4	179.3	6.7
2007	2,266.3	3.2	495.7	6.9	36.2	4.3	47.3	8.0	10.3	19.8	205.1	3.8	196.9	9.8
	seasonally adjusted													
2007 Jan	2,251.8		494.7		35.2		50.8		7.9		207.0		193.7	
Feb	2,251.1	0.0	485.0	-2.0	35.5	0.9	47.4	-6.7	9.3	17.7	205.8	-0.6	187.0	-3.5
Mar	2,262.7	0.5	491.5	1.3	33.6	-5.4	45.4	-4.2	8.2	-11.8	212.7	3.4	191.5	2.4
Apr	2,247.1	-0.7	494.7	0.7	32.2	-4.2	48.4	6.6	8.7	6.1	211.2	-0.7	194.2	1.4
May	2,261.7	0.6	495.1	0.1	35.2	9.3	45.8	-5.4	8.2	-5.7	205.2	-2.8	200.8	3.4
Jun	2,260.9	0.0	496.8	0.3	35.1	-0.3	46.0	0.4	9.3	13.4	208.8	1.8	197.7	-1.5
Jul	2,259.0	-0.1	487.5	-1.9	36.0	2.6	46.3	0.7	11.8	26.9	205.2	-1.7	188.2	-4.8
Aug	2,267.1	0.4	491.2	0.8	34.4	-4.4	46.9	1.3	11.4	-3.4	201.3	-1.9	197.2	4.8
Sep	2,270.0	0.1	504.5	2.7	38.3	11.3	45.4	-3.2	10.6	-7.0	209.4	4.0	200.7	1.8
Oct	2,275.5	0.2	498.5	-1.2	40.7	6.3	47.1	3.7	12.7	19.8	203.4	-2.9	194.7	-3.0
Nov	2,298.8	1.0	508.2	1.9	39.8	-2.2	48.0	1.9	12.5	-1.6	201.2	-1.1	206.7	6.2
Dec	2,292.9	-0.3	503.5	-0.9	39.7	-0.3	50.6	5.4	13.2	5.6	190.2	-5.5	210.0	1.6
2008 Jan	2,305.2	0.5	509.3	1.2	43.2	8.8	47.8	-5.5	14.6	10.6	193.9	1.9	209.8	-0.1
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Average:														
Jan-Jan07	2,251.8		494.7		35.2		50.8		7.9		207.0		193.7	
Jan-Jan08	2,305.2		509.3		43.2		47.8		14.6		193.9		209.8	
% Change	2.4		3.0		22.7		-5.9		84.8		-6.3		8.3	

NOTE: Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over previous month.

7b BC Employment by Industry

	Total Service Producing Industries		Transport and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Community and Personal Service								Public Administration	
									Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Education		Health & Social Services		Accommod., Food & Bev.		Other Service	
	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg
1998	1,449.9		105.6		289.7		122.3		122.8		118.3		197.4		146.8		253.2		93.8	
1999	1,500.5	3.5	115.9	9.8	304.8	5.2	121.0	-1.1	135.8	10.6	127.3	7.6	193.3	-2.1	149.1	1.6	260.8	3.0	92.5	-1.4
2000	1,525.0	1.6	116.9	0.9	300.8	-1.3	118.3	-2.2	135.8	0.0	136.6	7.3	201.2	4.1	154.5	3.6	268.4	2.9	92.4	-0.1
2001	1,539.3	0.9	112.4	-3.8	303.3	0.8	120.9	2.2	139.2	2.5	138.3	1.2	196.8	-2.2	163.7	6.0	275.1	2.5	89.5	-3.1
2002	1,572.8	2.2	112.9	0.4	324.9	7.1	123.3	2.0	136.1	-2.2	139.3	0.7	211.6	7.5	162.5	-0.7	274.1	-0.4	88.1	-1.6
2003	1,598.3	1.6	119.6	5.9	327.8	0.9	124.5	1.0	139.3	2.4	140.1	0.6	213.3	0.8	159.4	-1.9	281.2	2.6	93.0	5.6
2004	1,625.8	1.7	116.5	-2.6	315.8	-3.7	129.2	3.8	146.3	5.0	135.9	-3.0	219.2	2.8	175.3	10.0	290.4	3.3	97.2	4.5
2005	1,677.8	3.2	118.7	1.9	334.6	6.0	132.9	2.9	163.6	11.8	146.1	7.5	217.4	-0.8	175.8	0.3	293.6	1.1	95.1	-2.2
2006	1,731.6	3.2	119.5	0.7	353.7	5.7	138.0	3.8	167.6	2.4	156.0	6.8	232.2	6.8	170.5	-3.0	302.8	3.1	91.3	-4.0
2007	1,770.6	2.3	125.6	5.1	365.0	3.2	145.0	5.1	166.3	-0.8	156.1	0.1	239.7	3.2	172.7	1.3	304.3	0.5	95.9	5.0
	seasonally adjusted																			
2007 Jan	1,757.1		121.3		355.9		137.6		166.8		157.4		233.9		178.6		310.0		95.6	
Feb	1,766.1	0.5	131.0	8.0	359.4	1.0	139.9	1.7	168.9	1.3	158.8	0.9	243.2	4.0	172.3	-3.5	301.6	-2.7	91.2	-4.6
Mar	1,771.2	0.3	125.0	-4.6	357.1	-0.6	149.2	6.6	161.1	-4.6	161.8	1.9	248.5	2.2	173.0	0.4	303.1	0.5	92.5	1.4
Apr	1,752.4	-1.1	124.4	-0.5	352.8	-1.2	145.2	-2.7	163	1.2	157.6	-2.6	241.6	-2.8	167.6	-3.1	305.1	0.7	95.0	2.7
May	1,766.6	0.8	125.0	0.5	363.5	3.0	149.4	2.9	172.7	6.0	158.5	0.6	234.4	-3.0	169.6	1.2	300.6	-1.5	92.8	-2.3
Jun	1,764.0	-0.1	123.5	-1.2	367.5	1.1	148.0	-0.9	171.3	-0.8	151.8	-4.2	242.0	3.2	173.8	2.5	290.7	-3.3	95.4	2.8
Jul	1,771.5	0.4	124.7	1.0	374.8	2.0	150.0	1.4	175.9	2.7	142.8	-5.9	239.1	-1.2	169.8	-2.3	297.3	2.3	97.1	1.8
Aug	1,776.0	0.3	124.0	-0.6	377.0	0.6	149.2	-0.5	168.2	-4.4	143.9	0.8	235.3	-1.6	182.4	7.4	301.5	1.4	94.4	-2.8
Sep	1,765.6	-0.6	121.3	-2.2	365.1	-3.2	143.8	-3.6	162.7	-3.3	159.5	10.8	236.5	0.5	172.3	-5.5	307.2	1.9	97.4	3.2
Oct	1,777.1	0.7	123.8	2.1	372.7	2.1	142.6	-0.8	161.8	-0.6	158.3	-0.8	243.7	3.0	171.4	-0.5	305.3	-0.6	97.3	-0.1
Nov	1,790.6	0.8	129.1	4.3	369.5	-0.9	142.7	0.1	163.2	0.9	159.6	0.8	241.9	-0.7	171.6	0.1	314.1	2.9	98.9	1.6
Dec	1,789.4	-0.1	136.0	5.3	365.7	-1.0	141.9	-0.6	160.1	-1.9	159.4	-0.1	235.9	-2.5	169.2	-1.4	317.7	1.1	103.5	4.7
2008 Jan	1,795.9	0.4	129.1	-5.1	355.9	-2.7	145.1	2.3	171.2	6.9	166.7	4.6	246.3	4.4	168.1	-0.7	318.4	0.2	95.1	-8.1
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Average:																				
Jan-Jan07	1,757.1		121.3		355.9		137.6		166.8		157.4		233.9		178.6		310.0		95.6	
Jan-Jan08	1,795.9		129.1		355.9		145.1		171.2		166.7		246.3		168.1		318.4		95.1	
% Change	2.2		6.4		0.0		5.5		2.6		5.9		5.3		-5.9		2.7		-0.5	

NOTE: Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over previous month.

Produced by: BC Stats

Source: Statistics Canada

8 BC E[illegible]oyment and Unemployment Rate by Occupation, A[illegible]al

	Management		Business Finance & Admin.		Natural & Applied Sciences		Health		Social Sci. Education Govt Service & Religion		Art Culture Recreation & Sport		Sales & Service		Trades Transport & Equipment Operators		Occupations Unique to Primary		Occupations Unique to Processing, Mfg & Utilities		All Occupations	
	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
1998	192.8	2.6	340.5	3.2	108.3	4.4	100.0	1.5	138.6	4.1	57.6	5.4	478.9	6.5	288.8	9.3	68.8	16.1	84.1	8.5	1,858.4	8.8
1999	195.6	2.4	344.7	3.4	124.1	3.4	97.7	1.7	143.1	2.7	66.6	4.0	485.5	6.8	287.6	8.1	64.1	14.6	85.3	6.8	1,894.4	8.3
2000	200.3	1.8	336.0	3.2	124.0	2.4	104.5	0.6	151.3	3.1	61.5	4.8	501.0	5.5	286.3	7.6	70.4	13.5	95.9	6.1	1,931.3	7.1
2001	171.6	2.6	340.2	4.1	118.5	4.7	102.3	1.8	149.0	3.2	59.8	5.7	537.4	5.5	285.9	7.7	61.4	13.5	95.6	8.8	1,921.6	7.7
2002	173.7	2.8	333.5	4.2	118.0	5.1	113.7	2.0	161.7	2.9	64.8	6.5	557.6	6.0	284.9	7.9	60.9	14.9	96.3	8.9	1,965.0	8.5
2003	182.1	1.9	351.5	4.1	126.6	6.1	117.2	1.8	162.5	3.2	67.0	6.6	540.4	6.2	297.3	7.1	72.9	12.5	97.3	6.8	2,014.7	8.0
2004	192.9	2.6	353.1	3.8	120.6	5.0	119.1	1.6	155.6	3.9	73.3	5.2	556.2	5.9	319.5	5.9	69.6	10.9	102.8	7.0	2,062.7	7.2
2005	193.0	2.3	383.0	2.9	136.1	3.0	118.6	1.2	172.4	2.5	71.3	4.8	558.0	4.7	330.8	4.5	71.3	9.5	96.1	6.1	2,130.5	5.9
2006	207.9	1.8	371.0	2.5	152.3	2.3	131.8	1.4	175.0	2.8	74.8	3.6	563.2	3.8	349.6	4.0	73.7	8.4	96.1	4.0	2,195.5	4.8
2007	207.3	1.1	391.8	2.3	144.9	2.3	128.2	0.6	183.7	2.2	74.9	2.6	591.8	3.7	369.2	3.2	75.0	7.4	99.5	5.7	2,266.3	4.2
2007 Jan	213.9	1.4	366.8	2.3	156.4	3.2	132.8	1.8	182.2	2.0	72.0	3.4	561.1	4.8	362.2	2.8	72.3	11.5	93.7	5.8	2,213.4	4.8
Feb	218.5	1.4	371.9	2.4	151.9	1.8	137.4	0.5	184.8	1.6	77.2	1.9	571.2	3.6	346.8	3.5	69.4	13.4	92.1	6.5	2,221.2	4.4
Mar	209.4	0.8	388.7	1.5	142.7	2.5	133.0	0.4	197.5	0.8	66.1	0.0	586.6	3.3	356.0	3.9	65.7	10.1	100.2	5.2	2,245.8	3.9
Apr	204.4	1.9	399.1	2.2	137.0	2.4	132.6	0.0	189.3	1.5	77.9	2.1	561.6	4.5	352.9	3.9	67.5	13.2	103.7	4.0	2,225.9	4.6
May	202.5	1.1	394.3	3.0	143.0	3.1	124.8	0.6	189.7	1.7	72.7	3.5	592.4	3.3	374.4	3.5	77.4	6.3	103.4	6.3	2,274.6	4.4
Jun	199.8	0.9	391.9	2.3	137.4	1.6	132.4	0.2	189.8	1.8	70.3	1.8	614.5	3.7	374.9	3.1	81.3	4.9	102.6	7.7	2,294.9	4.1
Jul	191.1	0.5	394.5	2.4	150.8	3.0	131.6	0.5	159.0	4.3	72.6	1.6	616.2	3.9	379.5	3.7	79.6	4.3	112.7	5.6	2,287.6	4.4
Aug	213.2	1.0	387.3	2.9	144.3	2.2	127.7	0.8	160.6	7.2	69.5	5.1	619.6	3.9	379.3	3.0	81.9	2.2	107.9	3.9	2,291.3	4.5
Sep	204.5	1.1	400.3	2.5	139.6	1.7	117.4	0.9	183.9	1.8	75.5	4.3	595.5	3.6	375.7	2.5	79.9	3.7	100.2	4.6	2,272.4	4.0
Oct	208.3	1.2	393.9	2.5	139.6	1.0	119.2	0.6	185.3	1.2	82.5	3.8	597.2	3.5	378.1	2.5	83.6	4.8	96.1	4.8	2,283.9	4.0
Nov	213.1	0.5	402.4	2.0	145.5	2.1	126.1	0.6	189.4	2.4	82.1	1.6	594.9	3.7	381.3	2.7	70.9	7.7	92.2	7.0	2,297.8	3.9
Dec	209.5	0.6	410.1	1.8	150.4	2.7	123.3	0.9	193.2	1.4	80.8	1.7	590.8	2.9	369.6	4.0	70.0	8.1	89.6	6.3	2,287.3	3.8
2008 Jan	202.8	1.0	410.4	1.9	157.6	2.7	131.2	2.5	202.9	1.1	76.8	1.9	570.4	4.0	366.4	4.7	72.7	11.6	83.0	8.4	2,274.3	4.5
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Jan-Jan07	213.9	1.4	366.8	2.3	156.4	3.2	132.8	1.8	182.2	2.0	72.0	3.4	561.1	4.8	362.2	2.8	72.3	11.5	93.7	5.8	2,213.4	4.8
Jan-Jan08	202.8	1.0	410.4	1.9	157.6	2.7	131.2	2.5	202.9	1.1	76.8	1.9	570.4	4.0	366.4	4.7	72.7	11.6	83.0	8.4	2,274.3	4.5
% Change	-5.2		11.9		0.8		-1.2		11.4		6.7		1.7		1.2		0.6		-11.4		2.8	

NOTES: *1. Occupation specific Unemployment Rates include only those unemployed who worked in the past year. The "All Occupations" rate incorporates total unemployed persons which includes an "Occupation Unclassified" category.*

2. Due to the relatively small sample sizes from which disaggregated data are derived, caution should be used in the interpretation of month-to-month changes in the estimates.

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9 BC Employment and Unemployment Rate by Region and Metropolitan Area

	British Columbia		Vancouver		Victoria		Abbotsford		Development Regions: Vancouver Island/ Coast		Mainland/ Southwest		Thompson-Okanagan		Kootenay		Cariboo		North Coast & Nechako		Northeast	
	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
1998	1,858.4	8.8	970.8	8.0	147.2	8.7	66.9	10.1	315.5	9.7	1103.9	8.1	207.4	8.2	70.0	12.0	82.7	14.5	47.3	9.7	31.6	NA
1999	1,894.4	8.3	996.0	7.7	155.3	6.6	66.9	7.6	330.0	7.9	1130.1	7.7	206.1	9.6	69.4	9.3	81.4	11.6	46.7	8.8	30.7	8.9
2000	1,931.3	7.1	1,032.1	5.8	155.3	6.7	68.3	7.5	327.4	7.8	1164.6	6.1	210.3	9.3	70.8	10.0	79.1	9.9	47.3	10.2	31.8	5.9
2001	1,921.6	7.7	1,039.1	6.6	150.8	6.3	71.4	6.7	307.3	9.2	1175.0	6.7	210.2	9.3	70.4	9.7	79.4	9.7	46.6	11.2	32.5	6.1
2002	1,965.0	8.5	1,072.1	7.7	155.7	7.0	75.2	7.5	317.4	8.7	1216.7	7.7	208.1	9.4	66.6	10.0	78.0	12.7	44.9	12.6	33.2	9.0
2003	2,014.7	8.0	1,103.5	7.3	158.7	6.2	74.9	7.5	319.1	8.6	1251.4	7.3	218.8	8.8	67.4	11.5	78.2	11.1	44.8	11.3	34.9	6.4
2004	2,062.7	7.2	1,127.5	6.7	162.0	5.3	78.5	6.4	334.2	7.9	1,275.3	6.7	229.7	6.6	67.1	9.2	80.7	9.1	42.4	11.6	33.3	5.4
2005	2,130.5	5.9	1,155.7	5.7	169.3	4.5	78.3	5.5	350.0	6.3	1,307.3	5.7	244.0	5.3	69.2	6.1	80.1	7.4	45.7	8.1	34.3	4.7
2006	2,195.5	4.8	1,187.1	4.4	175.2	3.7	82.3	4.5	369.5	4.9	1,342.7	4.4	253.7	5.1	69.5	6.2	82.9	6.1	43.1	6.7	34.0	NA
2007	2,266.3	4.2	1,222.7	4.0	182.9	3.3	84.8	4.3	378.3	4.3	1,392.2	4.0	256.7	4.4	77.1	5.5	83.8	5.1	41.5	8.0	36.7	NA
	3- month moving average, actual, ending in:																					
2007 Jan	2,214.1	4.6	1,194.3	4.3	177.2	3.1	84.5	4.3	372.3	4.8	1,354.5	4.3	252.7	5.0	73.9	7.2	82.4	5.8	42.6	6.0	35.6	0.0
Feb	2,218.1	4.6	1,202.5	4.1	175.1	2.9	83.5	4.7	369.6	5.3	1,363.1	4.2	251.7	5.0	74.1	6.8	81.8	5.3	41.7	7.1	36.0	0.0
Mar	2,226.8	4.4	1,211.0	3.7	174.4	3.1	82.8	4.8	367.7	5.4	1,372.6	3.8	252.9	5.0	75.9	5.9	80.9	5.2	41.1	8.3	35.8	0.0
Apr	2,231.0	4.3	1,211.4	3.7	176.4	3.1	82.8	4.8	368.4	5.3	1,375.1	3.8	254.8	4.5	76.5	5.7	79.7	5.2	40.4	8.6	36.1	0.0
May	2,248.8	4.3	1,212.8	4.0	180.2	3.2	84.4	4.6	373.4	4.8	1,379.8	4.1	259.5	4.1	79.2	4.2	80.2	4.5	40.3	8.4	36.4	0.0
Jun	2,265.1	4.4	1,216.1	4.4	184.9	3.1	85.6	4.3	380.3	3.9	1,385.9	4.4	260.1	4.3	79.4	4.6	80.8	4.6	41.1	7.6	37.4	0.0
Jul	2,285.7	4.3	1,231.2	4.3	186.5	3.4	86.8	4.1	383.1	3.9	1,404.2	4.2	259.7	4.6	77.3	4.7	82.0	4.8	41.7	7.7	37.8	0.0
Aug	2,291.3	4.3	1,235.3	4.2	185.7	4.1	86.5	4.4	383.6	4.0	1,409.2	4.2	257.0	4.7	78.6	5.8	83.0	5.7	42.4	7.4	37.5	0.0
Sep	2,283.7	4.3	1,227.0	4.2	184.9	4.3	85.6	4.6	384.7	4.3	1,400.7	4.2	256.6	4.1	78.5	5.6	84.4	5.4	42.6	7.0	36.3	0.0
Oct	2,282.5	4.2	1,218.7	4.2	186.7	3.7	84.4	4.5	386.5	3.9	1,390.9	4.2	260.4	3.7	79.5	5.8	86.6	4.7	42.3	7.3	36.3	0.0
Nov	2,284.7	3.9	1,224.7	3.9	187.9	2.8	84.0	3.7	384.5	3.4	1,396.1	3.9	261.1	3.8	76.4	5.7	88.0	4.2	41.8	8.1	36.9	0.0
Dec	2,289.7	3.9	1,236.9	3.7	187.5	2.6	85.1	3.4	380.6	3.4	1,409.7	3.6	257.2	4.2	74.5	5.9	89.2	5.0	41.2	9.1	37.2	0.0
2008 Jan	2,286.5	4.1	1,245.2	3.7	186.2	3.0	84.9	3.6	375.8	4.5	1,417.7	3.6	253.9	4.8	73.1	4.8	88.0	5.2	41.5	8.2	36.5	0.0
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Jan-Jan07	2,213.4	4.8	1,196.3	4.6	172.4	3.5	84.0	4.5	368.8	5.1	1,357.7	4.5	248.8	5.4	78.0	6.7	82.4	5.6	41.9	6.7	35.8	NA
Jan-Jan08	2,274.3	4.5	1,242.6	4.1	184.7	3.5	83.6	4.9	370.1	6.2	1,414.6	3.9	254.7	5.2	72.3	3.6	85.6	4.8	41.3	6.6	35.7	3.3
% Change	2.8		3.9		7.1		-0.5		0.4		4.2		2.4		-7.3		3.9		-1.4		-0.3	

NOTE: Geographic boundaries changed on January 1, 2005.

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10 BC Employment by Class of Worker

	Total Employment		Employees						Self-Employed	
			Total		Public		Private			
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1998	1,858.4		1,474.6		333.7		1,140.8		383.8	
1999	1,894.4	1.9	1,512.9	2.6	345.9	3.7	1,167.1	2.3	381.4	-0.6
2000	1,931.3	1.9	1,574.7	4.1	358.9	3.8	1,215.9	4.2	356.6	-6.5
2001	1,921.6	-0.5	1,570.1	-0.3	350.8	-2.3	1,219.3	0.3	351.4	-1.5
2002	1,965.0	2.3	1,601.7	2.0	353.6	0.8	1,248.1	2.4	363.3	3.4
2003	2,014.7	2.5	1,638.4	2.3	360.5	2.0	1,277.9	2.4	376.3	3.6
2004	2,062.7	2.4	1,671.3	2.0	366.6	1.7	1,304.7	2.1	391.4	4.0
2005	2,130.5	3.3	1,714.8	2.6	369.8	0.9	1,345.0	3.1	415.8	6.2
2006	2,195.5	3.1	1,781.8	3.9	391.2	5.8	1,390.6	3.4	413.7	-0.5
2007	2,266.3	3.2	1,841.0	3.3	401.6	2.7	1,439.4	3.5	425.3	2.8
	seasonally adjusted									
2007 Jan	2,251.8		1,823.9		402.2		1,421.7		427.9	
Feb	2,251.1	0.0	1,827.3	0.2	403.4	0.3	1,423.9	0.2	423.8	-1.0
Mar	2,262.7	0.5	1,835.3	0.4	406.6	0.8	1,428.7	0.3	427.4	0.8
Apr	2,247.1	-0.7	1,823.2	-0.7	402.4	-1.0	1,420.9	-0.5	423.8	-0.8
May	2,261.7	0.6	1,829.5	0.3	400.0	-0.6	1,429.5	0.6	432.2	2.0
Jun	2,260.9	0.0	1,829.0	0.0	393.0	-1.8	1,436.1	0.5	431.9	-0.1
Jul	2,259.0	-0.1	1,830.4	0.1	390.7	-0.6	1,439.7	0.3	428.6	-0.8
Aug	2,267.1	0.4	1,834.5	0.2	395.4	1.2	1,439.0	0.0	432.6	0.9
Sep	2,270.0	0.1	1,849.9	0.8	402.9	1.9	1,447.0	0.6	420.1	-2.9
Oct	2,275.5	0.2	1,857.4	0.4	409.4	1.6	1,448.0	0.1	418.2	-0.5
Nov	2,298.8	1.0	1,875.8	1.0	401.7	-1.9	1,474.2	1.8	423.0	1.1
Dec	2,292.9	-0.3	1,878.8	0.2	411.0	2.3	1,467.8	-0.4	414.1	-2.1
2008 Jan	2,305.2	0.5	1,893.3	0.8	417.4	1.6	1,475.9	0.6	411.9	-0.5
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Average:										
Jan-Jan07	2,251.8		1,823.9		402.2		1,421.7		427.9	
Jan-Jan08	2,305.2		1,893.3		417.4		1,475.9		411.9	
% Change	2.4		3.8		3.8		3.8		-3.7	

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Labour Force Statistics

This report is based on statistics from the Labour Force Survey produced monthly by Statistics Canada. Questions and comments should be directed to Data Services at (250)387-0327 or write to BC.Stats@gov.bc.ca

Definitions and Explanatory Notes

Reference Week

Monthly estimates of employment, unemployment, and persons not in the labour force refer to the specific week covered by the survey each month, normally the week containing the 15th day.

Labour Force

The labour force is composed of those members of the civilian non-institutional population 15 years of age and over who, during the reference week, were employed or unemployed.

Employed

Employed persons are those who, during the reference week, either: (a) did any work at all, or (b) had a job but were not at work due to own illness or disability, personal or family responsibilities, bad weather, labour dispute, vacation, or other reason not specified above (excluding persons whose job attachment was to a job to start at a definite date in the future).

Unemployment

Unemployed persons are those who, during the reference week, either: (a) were without work, had actively looked for work in the past four weeks (ending with the reference week), and were available for work; or (b) had not actively looked for work in the past four weeks but had been on layoff and were available for work; or (c) had not actively looked for work in the past four weeks but had a new job to start in four weeks or less from the reference week, and were available for work.

Unemployment Rate

The unemployment rate represents the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the labour force. The unemployment rate for a particular group (age, sex, marital status, etc.) is the number of unemployed in that group expressed as a percentage of the labour force for that group.

Participation Rate

The participation rate represents the labour force expressed as a percentage of the population 15 years of age and over. The participation rate for a particular group (age, sex, marital status, etc.) is the labour force for that group expressed as a percentage of the population for that group.

Employment Rate

The employment rate(employment/population ratio) is the number of employed persons expressed as a percentage of the population 15 years of age and over. The employment rate for a particular group (age, sex, marital status, etc.) is the employment for that group expressed as a percentage of the population for that group.

Rounding

Estimates published by the Labour Force Survey are rounded to the nearest thousand but all derived values (totals, averages, rates, ratios, percent changes etc.) are calculated from unrounded figures. Therefore, the sum of the individual rounded items may not equal the total. Unadjusted estimates rounded to hundreds are available from BC Stats on request.

Seasonal Adjustment

Fluctuations in economic time series are caused by seasonal, cyclical and irregular movements. A seasonally adjusted series is one from which seasonal movements have been eliminated. Seasonal movements are defined as those which are caused by regular annual events such as climate, holidays, vacation periods, and cycles related to crops, production and retail sales associated with Christmas and Easter. It should be noted that the seasonally adjusted series contain irregular as well as longer-term cyclical fluctuations.